

INTERNET DISTRIBUTED ACCESS NETWORK ARCHITECTURE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A distributed access network architecture utilizes an undedicated public
network, such as the internet, to provide connectivity between portions of the
network. In one example, the public network is utilized as the communication
interface between base transceiver units and an access network unit. Each of these
network elements may include one or more protocol layers to facilitate
10 communication over the public network.